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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 9-90426, published April 4, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-75238, published March 18, 1994.

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The opinion brief assert that the invention as per the present application is distinguished in the point that the insulating film is a single layer; however, said point is well known, as described in previously indicated Cited Example 5 (Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-1010383), Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-90426, Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-75238, etc., and thus the above assertion is not accepted.